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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Request to Review Correspondence Re GAO Audit of CIA

1. Robert Keller, Deputy Comptroller General, called with respect to the various exchanges of correspondence occurring from about 1959 through 1962. These letters deal with GAO audit of CIA, correspondence with the Congress and eventual withdrawal of GAO. Keller advised that Staats has been called to testify early next week on these background arrangements and Keller's query was whether from the Agency's viewpoint the subject matter of these various letters could be considered declassified. After review of the letters, which are attached to a memorandum dated 14 March 1974 to the General Counsel from Steven Hale, Tabs A through L, I advised Keller that from our viewpoint these could be considered declassified. In turn, Keller advised that GAO-originated letters could also be considered declassified.

2. I pointed out that there were letters from the House Armed Services Committee, at least one of which is classified, although on its face there is no need for it at this time. I suggested that he might want to touch base with the Committee before considering it declassified. He stated he would do so and be in touch with Frank Slatinshek. I said we would also have our congressional people be in touch with the

Committee to close the loop.

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